

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the first line (as added in the Preliminary Amendment of 1/24/02), please amend as follows:

This is a continuation of application number 08/913,840 filed 12 September 1997~~now~~  
~~patent number 6,401,190,~~ and is a continuation-in-part of application number 08/681,180 filed 22 July 1996, now patent number 5,870,618.